

Application No. 09/545040 (Docket: CNTR.1568)
37 CFR 1.111 Amendment dated 01/19/2006
Reply to Office Action of 12/12/2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-31 and 33-44 are pending in the application. The Examiner additionally stated on page 1 of the Office Action that claims 1-31 and 33-44 are rejected; however, on page 2 the Examiner indicated claims 21-22, 30-33, and 35-43 are allowed. By this amendment, claims 1-20, 23-29, 32, and 34 have been cancelled. Hence, claims 21-22, 30-31, 33, and 35-44 are pending in the application.

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments.

In the Specification

Applicant has amended the specification to secure a substantial correspondence between the claims amended herein and the remainder of the specification. No new matter is presented.

In the Claims

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 21-22, 30-33, and 35-43 are allowed. Claims 1-20, 23-29, 32, and 34 have been cancelled. Applicant notes that although page 1 of the Office Action indicates claims 1-31 and 33-44 are rejected, apparently the Examiner intended to indicate that claims 21-22, 30-31, 33, and 35-43 are allowed since: 1) claim 32 was previously canceled; 2) the Examiner states that claims 21-22, 30-33, and 35-43 are allowed, 3) claim 44 depends from claim 43, and 4) claim 44 is not specifically rejected anywhere within the Office Action.

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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the arguments advance above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 21-22, 30-31, 33, and 35-44 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested, and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Applicant earnestly requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning this amendment, the application, or allowance of any claims thereof.

I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8 that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date of signature shown below.

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